

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 09450/0203332-USO
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/550802</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/011355	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 5 September 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 7 April 2003
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APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Keiichiro Suzuki et al.		

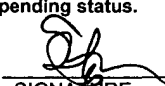
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - ☒ is attached hereto.
  - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
- ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98; PTO/SB/08A with three documents.
- ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment.
- ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☐ A substitute specification.
- ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
- ☒ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☒ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☒ Other items or information: Certificate of Express Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.10; Check in the amount of \$940.00; Return Receipt Postcard

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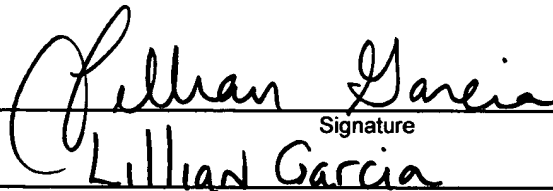
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